



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Thomas Kruckels

**Application No.:** 10/688,405

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**For:** STATIONARY WELDING DEVICE AND  
METHOD FOR LONGITUDINAL WELDING OF  
PROFILES

**Group:** 1725

**Examiner:** Maria Alexandra Elve

**Our File:** LBP-PT031

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action issued on  
October 18, 2005 [Paper No. 20051017].

Please amend the application without prejudice as noted in detail below.